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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (December 04 - 12, 2008)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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04/12/2008: Adhi, YB3MM will be QRV as YB3MM/9 from the radio station of Ferdy (YC9MKF) Kupang city, Timor Island (OC-148, WLOTA LH-1808) from December 4-7th. Holiday style operation, mostly on the 20 meter band. If conditions are ok, Adhi will try to QRV from Semau Island (OC-241, LH-2891). QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [K1XN]

05/12/2008: Dr. Helmuth Spieler W6KDX will be returning to work on the South Pole Telescope at the US Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station (IOTA AN-016, AA K-08, WAP USA-21) from December 5th to January 5th. He hopes to re-activate KC4AAA in his spare time on SSB in the vicinity of 14.243 MHz. Please direct any inquries to KC4AAA2008 -at- gmail.com . QSL via K1IED. To learn about the exciting South Pole Telescope project, visit pole.uchicago.edu/ [K2ARB]

05/12/2008: Paul, A35RK reports that he will be active as KH8/KK6H, from Larry's (AH8LG) QTH on Tutuila Island (OC-045, USi AS-007S), December 5-9th. Activity will be CW and SSB. This will be a 'casual' operation, but he will listen for Europe at local sunset (UTC+12), on 20m....that should be about 0600-0700Z, and should be a pretty good grayline path. The Americas should be easy just about anytime during local daylight hours, on 20 or 17m. QSL via W7TSQ or LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/12/2008: Curt, W3HQ will be active as KP4/W3HQ from Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802) for the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HQ, bureau preferred or via VK4AAR. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Ken, K6TA, will be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA LH-0033, WW Loc. FK52AM) as P40TA during the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, or to WM6A, bureau preferred. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/12/2008: From December 5-7th a complex WFFA expedition to Polistovskiy Nature Reserve (RFF-072) and Rdejskiy Nature Reserve (RFF-078) will take place with the call sign UE1RFF/1. Operators mention, from the club station RK3DXS (HQ WFF) are: RA1ZZ/3, RA3AKF and RW3GW/3. QSL of via UA1RJ. A special QSL card will be sent out to all through bureau. Website at: www.wff44.com/ru/news/show/234/ (Russian language). [RA3AKF]

05/12/2008: Haru, JA1XGI, intends to hit the airwaves from Central Kiribati signing T31/T32XG from December 5-19th. Haru prefers working in CW but also in SSB and digital modes on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX Newsletter]

05/12/2008: Sara/VU3RSB, Frank/VU3FRK (DL4KQ), Kumar/VU2BGS and Bapuji/VU3KET will be active as AT2RS from Nachugunta Island, Krishna District, in the Andhra Pradesh South State Group (AS-199, new one) from December 5-7th, for 72 hours. They plan to have 2 stations (probably occasionally 3rd) operating CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. Unfortunately NO 30m operation possible (special permit needed) due to Indian Ham laws. Equipment will be Elecraft K2/100, Elecraft K3/100, ICOM IC7000 with Yagis, dipoles and verticals. This activation requires a long voyage through/to Indian boondocks - start/end of operation may slightly vary. QSL via W3HNK, direct or bureau, for North and South America. QSL via DL4KQ, direct or bureau, for rest of the world. [VU3FRK/DL4KQ]

05/12/2008: Art, N3DXX reports that he will be active from Prince Edward Island (NA-029, CIsA PE-00) for the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) using the call sign VY2/N3DXX as a Single-Op entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Tom, KC0W/ZD7X will be active from Cambodia as XU7XXX during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via KC0W, direct only. Tom reports that after his stay in Cambodia he plans on activating Laos and Viet Nam for an extended DXpedition of up to 3 months in each country.[NG3K]

05/12/2008: Bruce, XW1B will be QRV from "The Farm" 38km N. of Vientiane, Laos, during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th). No entry class was given. QSL via E21EIC, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Alex, YV5SSB will be active from Caracas, Venezuela, as YW5CQ during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a High-Power entry. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

06/12/2008: Operatores Toze/CT1GFK, Goncalo/CT1GPQ and Mike/CT1IUA will be active from the Natural Park do Valley do Guadiana (DPRN FF-14, WWF CTFF-014) as CT7FFG on December 6, 7 and 8th. QSL via CT1GFK, direct or bureau. All information about DPRN can be find at: dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_eng.htm [CT1GFK]

06/12/2008: Didier, F4ELJ will be active December 6-7th as F4ELJ/p from Stagadon Island (EU-105, DIFM MA-094, Dept 29). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

06/12/2008: Fran?ois/F5JNE along with Gerard/F6ICG will be active December 6th from the Castle of Guipy (DFCF 58-096), in the city of Guipy (CP 58420), canton of Brinon sur Beuvron (DDCF 58-01), Department Nievre/89 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV 80 then 40m, CW and SSB, starting around 0700 UTC. QSL via home call, bureau preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [F5NQL]

06/12/2008: Operators Lucio/PP5AVM, Carlos/PP5AX, Joaquim/PP5JY, Lira/PP5LL, Mauricio/PP5WB and Mario/PP5MQ will be active as ZV5V and ZV5Z December 6-13th from Paz [aka Gracas] Island (SA-027, DIB #63 for the Brazilian Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1983, WW Loc. GG53ST). QRV 80-10 meters, using Phone and CW. Tecnical suport will be provided by Ezequiel/PP5HQ and Alfredo/PP5KDT. Mainland suport provided by Osny/PP5AIM and PP5ZZ/Mauro. QSL both calls via PP5CIT, direct (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at: www.pazis.blogspot.com/ [JI6KVR]

09/12/2008: The 4M5DX Group will activate Toas Island (SA-066, DIV-079 for the Venezuela Islands Award, WW Loc. FK40EW) from December 9-12th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, using SSB, CW and perhaps RTTY. Operators mentioned are Alex/YV5SSB, Manuel/YY4MP, Rafael/YY4RN, Franco/YV1FM, Rainer/YV5EU, Olli/OH0XX, Jes?s/YV5MSG, Jos? M./YV5TX and Andreina/YY4AND. Suggested frequencies: CW - 1.830, 3.530, 7.025, 10.115, 14.040, 18.098, 21.040, 24.920, 28.040, 50.110 MHz; SSB - 1.845, 3.755/3.790, 7.055, 14.260/14.195, 18.128/18.145, 21.260/21.295, 24.950, 28.560/28.460/28.495, 50.110 MHz; RTTY - 7.040, 10.140, 14.090, 18.100, 21.080, 24.920, 28.090, 50.110 MHz. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. Further information and log search can be found at: yw1ti.4m5dx.info/ [IT9DAA]

10/12/2008: Look for BD3BXH/2, BG3DCI/2, and BG3DDB/2 (and possibly other operators from the TianJin B3C Club) to be active from JuHua Island (AS-151), December 10-13th. Expect activity on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via BD3BXH. [425 DX News]

10/12/2008: Fran?ois, ON4LO will be active as CT1/ON4LO/p from Fuzeta lighthouse (ARLHS POR-074, Admiralty D2230.1) and other lighthouses in Algarve from December 10, 2008 to January 20, 2009. QRV 80, 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [UBA HF News]

10/12/2008: Florentin (F4DYW) will be active as FT5WO from the Alfred Faure Base [TAAF] (WAP-WADA FRA-02), Possession Island (DIFO FT-009), Crozet Archipelago (AF-008), sometime around December 10th and 15th, 2008 until November 30, 2009. QRV during his spare time on 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB, using 100 Watts and dipoles. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F8DVD]

10/12/2008: John, 9M6XRO (ISWL 9M6-6982) will be active from Kompong Som, Sihanoukville, Cambodia, as XU7XRO from December 10-18th. QRV 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. ISWL Members note that if you work, or hear John with any call signs, they will count for the

Monitor and other ISWL member's awards. John will be in Scotland over Christmas and New Year so he will hopefully give GM3OOK an airing from Irvine. QSL info for XU7XRO is only via Tim, M0URX. Bureau, direct or email requests to M0URX for bureau cards are accepted (full QSL info at www.m0urx.com). [Pete's DX Newsdesk]

11/12/2008: Aki, JA1KAJ will be active as E51QQQ from Rarotonga Island (OC-013), South Cook Islands, from December 11-17th. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

12/12/2008: Bodo, DL3OCH will be active as KT3Q/4 from Key Biscayne Island (NA-141, USi FL-030S, WLOTA LH-1246), Dade County, Florida, from December 12-26th. He also plans to activate other IOTA's during his stay. IOTA's mentioned are NA-052, NA-062, NA-069 or NA-138. QRV 40-15 meter CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

13/12/2008: The activity from the San Gabriel Island (SA-057) under the CX1F call sign, postponed the last month because of weather and sea conditions will finally take place on December 13th. QRV 80, 40,20, 15, 10 and 2 meters, propagation permitting. QSL LU stations: CX2FT- Adriana, calle Montevideo 1330, CP 1018, Baires, (SAE + $ 1,00 Argentino). QSL CX stations: BP 39073, Code Postal 70000 Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, (SAE + Uruguayan stamps). QSL, other countries: BP 39073, Code Postal 70000 Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, (SAE + 2 IRC). [LU5FF]

13/12/2008: Operators Marcio/PY1RJ, Felix/PY1JF and Valci/PU1VPM will be active on their 2nd Amigos de Migos de S?o Gon??lo Dxpedition to Morro do Pacheco (WW Loc. GG87MD), Brail, on December 13th, using the call sign ZX1SG. Frequencies - 3.720, 7.060, 14.220, 21.220, 28.420, 50.110 MHz SSB also 144.550 MHz FM and 144.240 MHz SSB. QSL via PY1RJ (QRZ.com). [PY1PDF]

17/12/2008: Dave "Kawe", W6ZL will be active as A35KL from Foa Island (OC-169), Tonga, between December 17th and 19th. Expect activity on all bands. QSL via W6ZL, direct only (QRZ.com) or via LoTW. [NG3K]

20/12/2008: Special event station 8J6HAM will be aired December 20, 2008 until March 8, 2009 for the 8th Nishinihon (or West Japan) Ham Fair. QSL HF contacts via the JARL bureau; QSL satellite contacts via JA6PL, direct or bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

21/12/2008: Andre, HB9HLM will visit Morocco from December 21, 2008 to January 31, 2009 and will be QRV as CN89NY from the CN2DX Beach House, Dar Bouazza, Morocco. This special call sign is allocated specifically for the holiday season, (8 for 2008 and 9 for 2009, NY for New Year). He will be QRV from the Beach House with CN8PA and CN2CV allies HB9CVC and will operate 2 stations at the same time: IC7000 and TS680 with PA AL811hcxe, Windom antenna 160 to 10m extension with 30 and headed 15m East-West G5RV antenna then 40 to 10m run north-south. QSL via EA7FTR. Further information can be found under CN89NY on QRZ.com. [F5NQL]

21/12/2008: This year and for the 5th time, the French Crew composed of Sebastien Loeb and Daniel Elena won the World Rally Championship. To celebrate the event a Ham team from the French Saone et loire Department/71, will be airing the special call sign TM5WRC from December 21, 2008 to January 3, 2009. QRV HF and VHF included AO51 satellite, using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, SSTV and FM. Operators mentioned are Jean Pierre/F0EWK, Denis/F1PUX, Gerard/F1RUK, Roger/F4ELU, Didier/F5NZO, Pascal/F5RZJ, Jean/F6EZF and Francois/F8DVD. QSL via F4ELU, direct (Envelope SA + 1 IRC or 2$ US) or via bureau. More information on the special event web page at: f4elu.free.fr/tm5wrc/index.html [F5NZO]

26/12/2008: Jouni/OH4KZM and Jukka/OH4MFA will be active as OH4JT/1 from Kustavi Island (EU-096), December 26-30th, including a Multi-Op entry in the Stew-Perry Topband Challenge. QRV 160-10m, mainly CW. QSL via OH4MFA, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: personal.inet.fi/surf/oh4mfa/oh4jt-1.htm [rsgbiota.org]

26/12/2008: Phil, F4EGS will be active from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, using the call sign TU8/F4EYS from December 26, 2008 to February 28, 2009. QRV on all bands, with focus on 160 and 80 meters, using CW and RTTY. QSL via F4EGS, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

31/12/2008: The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127, WLOTA LH-2351), Bangladesh, is scheduled to take place December 31, 2008 to January 10, 2009 (begin and end dates uncertain). The operators will be Rabby/S21RC, Manju/S21AM, Lal/S21DM and Sohel/S21S, and they plan to be active on 80-10 meter SSB and RTTY (sorry - no 30 meters). QSL via EB7DX, direct only. Further information can be found at: s2iota.eb7dx.com/ [NG3K]

01/01/2009: To celebrate his 80th anniversary, the Swiss National Ham Society (USKA) has granted all Swiss amateurs the use of the Prefixes HE8 and HB8 during the entire year of 2009. HE8 instead of HB9 and HB8 instead of HB3. These prefixes are valid only from the Swiss territory. No foreign activities are allowed and thus no Entity/HE8 or HE8 is possible. [F5NQL]

16/01/2009: Tom, DL2RMC will be active holiday-style from Senegal as 6W/DL2RMC, or a 6V call, from January 16-29th, including an entry in the CQWW DX CW 160m Contest (January 23-25th). Look for activity on all bands and modes, with focus on low bands. QSL via DL1RTL. [NG3K]

11/02/2009: Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ will be active as 3D2OU and 3D2NB respectively from Nadi, Viti Levu Island (OC-016, WLOTA LH-0055), Republic of the Fiji Islands from February 11-16th. Then, from February 17th to March 2nd they will be on Tuvalu, calls TBA, including a M/S entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Operation will be 160-10m, mostly CW, but some SSB and RTTY too. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

12/02/2009: John/KX7YT and Rob/N1KEZ will be active from VP5JM's Hamlet on Providenciales Island (NA-002) as VP5/homecall from February 12-15th, including an entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest (February 14-15th). QSL via home calls.

12/02/2009: Dennis, WA2USA will be active as WA2USA/4 from Bogue Banks [aka Emerald Isle] (NA-112, USi NC-010S), Carteret County, North Carolina, from February 12-24th. QRV 160-10 meters, using RTTY, CW and SSB. He will also participate in the ARRL CW DX and CQ WPX RTTY Contests. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

17/02/2009: Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ will be active from the Tuvalu Islands (T2, OC-015) between February 17th and March 2nd. Their call signs still have to be confirmed. QRV 160-10 meters; mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

04/12/2008: ZY7EAM will be active December 4-7th to celebrate the Sailor Day. Plans are to operate CW and SSB on 160-10 meters. QSL via PY7GK, bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

06/12/2008: The last Lighthouse activity, for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Tandill ARC, LU2EE, and valid for the Lighthouses 50th years award, will happen on December 6th and 7th. Location will be the Mar Chiquita lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-044), about 490 km North of Mar del Plata. The call sign will be L50E. QSL via LU2EE, bureau or direct (SA envelope + postage for return). [LU5FF]

06/12/2008: There will be a transmission from Grimeton Radio (SAQ) with the Alexanderson alternator on 17.2 kHz on December 6, 2008 at 10:45 UTC. The reason for the extra transmission is to celebrate the inauguration of the Alexanderson Institute in Varberg, Sweden. Note: Listener's reports from this transmission will not be rewarded by QSL cards. Planned transmissions are also scheduled for Wednesday 24th December 2008 at 08.00UTC and 08.15 UTC. The frequency is 17.2 kHz CW. Running up an tuning of the transmitter begins about 07.30 UTC. Further information can be found at: www.alexander.n.se/ [UBA HF News]

12/12/2008: The Radio Club FG5KC Ile de la Guadeloupe invites you to take part on December 12th and 13th with them at the village of Science festival at University Campus. They are

going to present a young ham their activity followed by demonstrations of HF / VHF / DIGITAL live that you will convey a message to its young from your place of issue. So they hope for your contacts and carry out this exchange with you via radio club FG5KC/P. [K1XN]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

04/12-07/12 YB3MM/9: West Timor WLOTA:1808 QSL IZ8CCW (d/b)
05/12-06/12 KP4/W3HQ: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL HC (b)
05/12-06/12 P40TA: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL WM6A (b)
06/12-13/12 ZV5V: Ilha da Paz WLOTA:1983 QSL PP5CIT (d)
06/12-13/12 ZV5Z: Ilha da Paz WLOTA:1983 QSL PP5CIT (d)
07/12-08/12 FK/F5AHO: Ile Lifou WLOTA:0578 QSL HC (d/b)
10/12-20/1/09 CT1/ON4LO/P: Fuzeta WLOL:POR-074 + others QSL HC (d/b)
10/12-12/12 FK/F5AHO: Ile des Pins WLOTA:0378 QSL HC (d/b)
12/12-26/12 KT3Q/4: Key Biscayne Island WLOTA:1246 QSL DL3OCH (d/b)
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US COUNTIES - USA-CA

05/12/2008: On Friday December 5th Pete, N4AKP/m will run as many counties as possible of those listed. All CW, on 40, 20 and 30 meters. If the band is busy with another roadrunner, he will announce down two. Pete plans on giving out the first county about 0830 EST (1330 UTC). All counties are in the State of Virginia: Prince Edward, Nottoway, Brunswick, Greensville, Sussex, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Surry, Prince George, Charles City, Chesterfield and Powhatan. All cancelled if WX is bad. Heavy rain, or snow, or electrical storm. [County Hunter Web]

06/12/2008: On December 6-8 Lloyd, NX4W/m will be running some counties in States of Florida and Georgia (SSB and Digital, NO CW). He will be running PSK31 mainly on 10M (10.139) but he will run on 7.072 or 14.072 upon request. He will also run SSB on 20m & 40M. Saturday Dec 6th - FLORIDA: Bradford, Clay, Duval, Baker & Columbia. GEORGIA: Clinch, Ware, Pierce, Bacon, Appling & Toombs. Sunday Dec 7th - GEORGIA: Toombs, Montgomery, Emanuel, Treutlen, Johnson, Jefferson, Glascock, Warren, Taliaferro, Wilkes, Oglethorpe, Greene, Hancock, Putnam, Baldwin, Washington, Wilkinson, Johnson, Laurens. Monday Dec 8th - GEORGIA: Laurens, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Ben Hill, Irwin, Atkinson, Clinch, Lanier and Echols. [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

03/12-09/12 KP2/WA2TII: St. Croix, USVI NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR 1kW KLM 6m yagi QSL HC (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated December 01, 2008)
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QSL INFO -

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

VK9DWX - Willis Island 2008 Operation

VU4RG - Andaman & Nicobar Island 2008 Operation

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

December 3, 2008 -
Hello friends,
I inform you that all the QSL, received via direct, will be leaving within 15 days.

I invite all to visite our web site and sign the guest book at:
www.sazan2008.altervista.org/
73 de Alfredo ZA0/ik7jwx & team
INFO via: sazanisland2008@libero.it [K1XN]

QSLs received Bureau - 8R1K, CE0Z/DL2AH, DH1TW, DR1A and VP2EFB.

QSLs received Direct - 3V8BB (via YT1AD/YU1DX), A25/DL7DF (via DL7UFR), CE0Y/JJ2NYT (via JJ2NYT), CN2DX (via EA7FTR), CT3FQ (via QRZ.com), ER5GB (via W3HNK), ET3JA (via OK3AA), EW1AR (via W3HNK), FK8GX (via W3HNK), FO/JJ2NYT (via JJ2NYT), H7/NP3D (via W3HNK), HD5J (via JA6GCE), JA6GCE/HC5 (via JA6GCE), JA6GCE/HC8 (via JA6GCE), JX/G7VJR (via G7VJR), JX/SQ4MP (via G7VJR), OJ0J (via OH0RJ), OX3XR (via OZ3PZ), T88ZF (via DK2ZF), UN5J (via W3HNK), V73ZF (via DK2ZF), VO2A [NA-194 & NA-205] (via VW3LYC), YJ0AQY (via JA1JQY), YN2/EW1AR (via W3HNK), ZC4VJ (QRZ.com) and ZL7/DL2AH (via DL2AH).

QSLs received LoTW - 5L2MS, OX5AA and VP6DX.
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SILENT KEYS -

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ARLB021 ARRL President Emeritus George Wilson, W4OYI, SK
George S. Wilson III, W4OYI, of Owensboro, Kentucky, passed away at his home on November 25. He was 76. Wilson served as the ARRL's 11th President from January 1992-July 1995. He resigned from the position after a stroke in 1995. Wilson's tenure in ARRL leadership included positions as Kentucky Section Emergency Coordinator, Kentucky Section Communications Manager, Vice Director and Director of the Great Lakes Division, as well as Vice President and First Vice President, eventually culminating in the position of ARRL President.

Stanislav Yulianovich Mukhlya UR5FB (ex-UB5FBO) became Silent Key on Sunday November 30, 2008 at the age of 71.
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BITS & PIECES -

TUNISIA and MOROCCO
We are informed that the station signing either 3V2ARA or CN8ARA is a pirate. The information is given both by Mustapha/DL1BDF and the Royal Amateur Radio Association in Morocco (ARRAM/CN8MC). Save your QSL cards, IRC?s and money. Tks Mustapha/DL1BDF and CN8MC. [F5NQL]

>From Phil 9Q1TB:
Dear friends,
That's it ! Departure from DRC have been fixed to 12/20/2008 and I will be in Paris on 21.
Home station is on the way to be fully dismantled and I'm just a few active from my office on morning 06:30~07:00 UTC ,14.114 and afternoon 15:30~16:00 UTC, 21.188
Last qso's on 12/19/2008.
I will be in France up to 01/18/2009 then flying to Dubai.
I hope to obtain under a reasonable delay an A6 callsign and will revert to you.
My qsl manager remains SM5DJZ.
It will be a great pleasure to contact you again from U.A.E.
73'S Philippe F5LTB (9Q1TB)

FT5Y - ANTARCTICA: Message received from Nicolas FT5YI at Dumont d'Urville Antarctica - he will appear on air Friday 5th, 1500-1700 UTC, 14.270 Mhz (more or less 10 Khz). [F5PFP]

S2 - BANGLADESH: Good news from S21 Land (Bangladesh)
Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission - BTRC has started taking the Amateur Radio License Test after a long gap of 4 years. They took the second test on 27th November 2008. The test has been conducted through a Computer Based Testing (CBT) System. A total of 35 MCQ type questions were in the test. A minimum of 18 correct answers were treated as pass mark.

The duration of test was one hour.
The good news is that a total of 84 candidates took the exam and among them 62 candidates have successfully passed.
This is really a good news for S21 HAMS as after a long gap the system has started again.
You may know since 2004, the amateur radio license issuing authority in Bangladesh had stopped taking examinations and issuing licenses to the enthusiast. After continuous lobbying for the last four years, executive members of the Bangladesh Amateur Radio League - BARL have finally been able to make the concerned authorities understand the significance of Ham Radio Operators in a country with frequent natural disasters like floods and cyclones.
Three executive committee members of the BARL, S21RB (Engr. Belayet Robin), S21VA (Dr. Zahid Shipon) and S21SH (Saiful Huda) had a very fruitful meeting with the Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission - BTRC on 21st of July 2008.
Besides the Chairman of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission - BTRC, Major General Manzurul Alam (Retd) almost all the senior officials, engineers and technical experts of the authorities were present at the meeting.
Things become started changing after the meeting and today we are in a good shape and have achieved our goal. Hopefully the system will never stop again.
Regards, Belayet Robin - S21RB
General Secretary
Bangladesh Amateur Radio League - BARL

TL - CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Christian ex5U5U is back in France. He will return in Central Africa around January 2009, 15th. He has applied for a licence and TL0A call sign. [F5NQL]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
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